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1. BEIRUT DAILY STAR INTERVIEW PUBLISHED AUGUST 8
WITH MARWAN ISKANDAR OUTLINES GOL'S APPROACH TO DOMESTIC OIL
EXPLORATION.

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2. GOL HAS SENT BID INVITATIONS TO 40 OIL COMPANIES,

INCLUDING AMERICAN MAJORS AND INTERESTED
INDEPENDENTS, IN HOPES OF GENERATING MORE COMPETITION
THAN EXISTED UNDER APPROACH PREVAILING EARLIER THIS
YEAR. THE GOAL IS TO PARCEL THE OFFSHORE IN GROUPS OF
PERHAPS TEN 500-KILOMETER SQUARE BLOCKS AMONG SEVERAL
COMPANIES. PREVIOUSLY, IT APPEARED THAT TRIPCO,
WHICH ALREADY HAS A LARGE SYRIAN OFFSHORE CONCESSION,
WOULD GET ALL OR MOST OF LEBANESE OFFSHORE.

3. GOL HAS SPECIFICALLY INVITED COMPANIES OPERATING
IN EGYPT DUE TO THEIR EXPERIENCE IN EASTERN MED AND
BECAUSE GOL OIL MINISTRY RECEIVING ADVICE FROM
EGYPTIAN COUNTERPARTS.

4. ISKANDAR, A RECOGNIZED LEBANESE PETROLEUM AND
FINANCIAL EXPERT, ACKNOWLEDGES THAT LEBANESE OFFSHORE
"NOT A HOT AREA" BUT BELIEVES SIMILARITIES TO GEOLOGY
OF TURKEY AND SYRIA OFFERS HOPES FOR MODEST DISCOVERIES.
ISKANDAR AWARE THAT RECENT US OIL TAX REVISIONS MAY
DIMINISH INTEREST AMERICAN COMPANIES THIS AREA.
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